# James Okafor

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Frontend Engineer with several years of experience building and scaling production web applications in fintech, AI, and enterprise environments. Strong expertise in React, Vue, and Next.js, with a focus on performance optimization, reusable component architecture, and frontend reliability. Proven track record of improving load times, reducing defects, and delivering features efficiently in cross-functional, Agile teams.

## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Software Engineer
**OvalSoft Technologies (Remote)**
Jul 2025 – Present
*Abuja, Nigeria*

– Contributed to the design and development of scalable frontend systems used in production, supporting **thousands of active users**.

– Built and maintained reusable UI components using modern JavaScript frameworks, reducing feature development time by **20%**.

– Collaborated with cross-functional teams (product, backend, QA) to deliver user-focused features, improving delivery timelines by **15%**.

– Applied testing and debugging practices using Cypress and unit testing tools, reducing frontend defects in production by **25%**.

### Frontend Developer (Part-time)
*Sahel AI (Remote)*
Sep 2024 – Aug 2025
*Dover, DE, USA*

– Developed frontend interfaces for a Legal AI contract analysis platform.

– Improved user retention and satisfaction by **25%** through UI/UX enhancements.

– Worked closely with backend engineers to define APIs, reducing integration issues.

– Optimized frontend performance, achieving faster load times and smoother interactions.

### Frontend Developer
*AFEX Commodities Exchange*
Jul 2022 – Apr 2025
*Abuja, Nigeria*

– Built and maintained fintech platforms supporting commodities trading and payment workflows.

– Improved user engagement by **20%** through intuitive UI implementation.

– Reduced page load times by **30%** through performance optimization techniques.

– Collaborated with backend teams to improve API reliability and system stability.

### Frontend Developer (Freelance)
*MEV Suite*
May 2022 – Jul 2024
*Nigeria*

– Delivered responsive and high-quality user interfaces for client-facing applications.

– Optimized state management and component performance for scalable frontend systems.

– Worked independently and with distributed teams to deliver features on schedule.

## PROJECTS

### Sahel AI
*Independent / Middle East & Africa*
Sep 2024 – July 2025

* Built AI platform to assist transactional lawyers in drafting and reviewing contracts faster in Microsoft Word.
* Reduced contract processing time, saving up to 10 hours per week per user.
* Ensured platform security with ISO 27001 certification.
* Tech stack: TypeScript, TailwindCSS, Next.js, Django, Docker, Cypress, Vitest, React Testing Library.

### AfricaExchange
*AFEX Commodities Exchange*
Mar 2023 – April 2024

* Developed a platform connecting local and global commodity markets for seamless trading.
* Implemented advanced dashboards and real-time data tools for informed investment decisions.
* Bridged local opportunities with global trading networks, improving user navigation and decision-making.
* Tech stack: TypeScript, TailwindCSS, Next.js, Django, Docker, Cypress, Vitest, React Testing Library.

## EDUCATION

**Nnamdi Azikiwe University**                                    Awka, Nigeria
*Bachelor of Science in Geology*                                          *2019*

## CERTIFICATIONS

**Introduction to Computing & IT Power**                                 2021
*New Horizons Systems Solutions Ltd*

**Frontend Web Development**                                             2021
*Udemy*

**Frontend Libraries**                                                   2020
*FreeCodeCamp*

**JavaScript Algorithms and Data Structures**                           2020
*FreeCodeCamp*

**Responsive Web Design**                                                2020
*FreeCodeCamp*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Frontend:** React.js, Vue.js, Next.js, React Native, JavaScript (ES6+), HTML5, CSS3, Tailwind, Bootstrap
**State & Data:** Redux, REST APIs, WebSockets
**Backend:** Node.js
**Testing:** Jest, Cypress
**Tools:** Git, GitHub, Bitbucket, Agile/Scrum